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MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

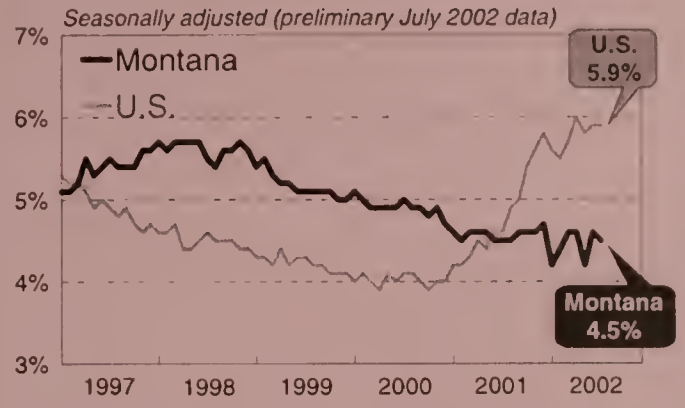
Not seasonally adjusted

	July 2001	July 2002*
UNITED STATES	4.7%	6.0%
MONTANA	3.9%	4.0%
Cascade **	4.3%	4.0%
Missoula **	3.2%	3.3%
Yellowstone **	3.0%	3.4%
Beaverhead	2.4%	3.0%
Big Horn	16.7%	14.3%
Blaine	4.5%	5.4%
Broadwater	3.2%	3.9%
Carbon	3.8%	3.3%
Carter	2.7%	1.8%
Chouteau	2.7%	2.2%
Custer	2.9%	2.3%
Daniels	2.3%	2.2%
Dawson	2.7%	2.4%
Deer Lodge	6.6%	6.1%
Fallon	2.2%	2.6%
Fergus	4.8%	3.8%
Flathead	4.4%	4.2%
Gallatin	2.0%	2.0%
Garfield	2.1%	2.2%
Glacier	9.9%	9.6%
Golden Valley	6.8%	4.6%
Granite	4.5%	5.2%
Hill	4.4%	4.1%
Jefferson	3.5%	3.5%
Judith Basin	2.4%	3.1%
Lake	6.6%	6.5%
Lewis & Clark	4.3%	4.1%
Liberty	3.5%	2.7%
Lincoln	9.3%	9.8%
McCone	1.3%	1.1%
Madison	1.8%	2.4%
Meagher	3.6%	3.8%
Mineral	5.4%	6.5%
Musselshell	5.5%	6.4%
Park	3.1%	2.9%
Petroleum	0.6%	0.6%
Phillips	3.5%	3.8%
Pondera	4.3%	4.5%
Powder River	1.9%	1.8%
Powell	3.9%	5.2%
Prairie	2.7%	3.6%
Ravalli	3.5%	4.2%
Richland	4.9%	5.0%
Roosevelt	6.7%	8.5%
Rosebud	7.0%	7.8%
Sanders	6.3%	6.2%
Sheridan	2.4%	2.4%
Silver Bow	4.7%	5.1%
Stillwater	2.6%	3.1%
Sweet Grass	1.9%	2.4%
Teton	3.0%	3.0%
Toole	2.3%	2.8%
Treasure	2.8%	2.4%
Valley	3.1%	3.4%
Wheatland	2.3%	3.0%
Wibaux	3.1%	2.1%

**July 2002 rate preliminary*
*** Cascade=Great Falls MSA*
Missoula= Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

July 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

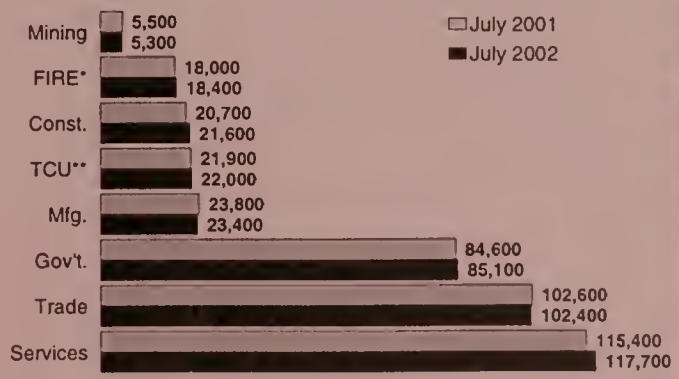
Unemployment



Montana's unemployment rate in July was 4.5 percent—1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.9 percent.

Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



*Finance/Insurance/Real Estate **Transportation/Communications/Utilities

Seasonally adjusted, Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 3,400 jobs (0.9 percent) over the year in July. The health services and construction industries showed the largest over-the-year employment gains.

Earnings

Montana's average weekly earnings were up only three-tenths of a percentage point over the year in July, lagging behind the 1.5 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

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2000 CENSUS

MONTANA'S LARGEST CITIES

City	2000 Census
Billings	89,847
Missoula	57,053
Great Falls	56,690
Butte-Silver Bow*	33,892
Bozeman	27,509
Helena	25,780
Kalispell	14,223
Havre	9,621
Anaconda-Deer Lodge**	9,417
Miles City	8,487
Livingston	6,851
Laurel	6,255
Lewistown	5,813
Belgrade	5,728
Whitefish	5,032
Sidney	4,774
Glendive	4,729

**Consolidated city/county excluding the town of Walkerville*
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MONTANA COUNTIES SORTED BY 2000 POPULATION

County	2000 Census	1990 Census	% Change 1990-2000	County	2000 Census	1990 Census	% Change 1990-2000
Yellowstone	129,352	113,419	14.0 %	Blaine	7,009	6,728	4.2 %
Missoula	95,802	78,687	21.8 %	Madison	6,851	5,989	14.4 %
Cascade	80,357	77,691	3.4 %	Teton	6,445	6,271	2.8 %
Flathead	74,471	59,218	25.8 %	Pondera	6,424	6,433	-0.1 %
Gallatin	67,831	50,463	34.4 %	Chouteau	5,970	5,452	9.5 %
Lewis & Clark	55,716	47,495	17.3 %	Toole	5,267	5,046	4.4 %
Ravalli	36,070	25,010	44.2 %	Phillips	4,601	5,163	-10.9 %
Silver Bow	34,606	33,941	2.0 %	Musselshell	4,497	4,106	9.5 %
Lake	26,507	21,041	26.0 %	Broadwater	4,385	3,318	32.2 %
Lincoln	18,837	17,481	7.8 %	Sheridan	4,105	4,732	-13.3 %
Hill	16,673	17,654	-5.6 %	Mineral	3,884	3,315	17.2 %
Park	15,694	14,562	7.8 %	Sweet Grass	3,609	3,154	14.4 %
Glacier	13,247	12,121	9.3 %	Fallon	2,837	3,103	-8.6 %
Big Horn	12,671	11,337	11.8 %	Granite	2,830	2,548	11.1 %
Fergus	11,893	12,083	-1.6 %	Judith Basin	2,329	2,282	2.1 %
Custer	11,696	11,697	0.0 %	Wheatland	2,259	2,246	0.6 %
Roosevelt	10,620	10,999	-3.4 %	Liberty	2,158	2,295	-6.0 %
Sanders	10,227	8,669	18.0 %	Daniels	2,017	2,266	-11.0 %
Jefferson	10,049	7,939	26.6 %	McCone	1,977	2,276	-13.1 %
Richland	9,667	10,716	-9.8 %	Meagher	1,932	1,819	6.2 %
Carbon	9,552	8,080	18.2 %	Powder River	1,858	2,090	-11.1 %
Deer Lodge	9,417	10,356	-9.1 %	Carter	1,360	1,503	-9.5 %
Rosebud	9,383	10,505	-10.7 %	Garfield	1,279	1,589	-19.5 %
Beaverhead	9,202	8,424	9.2 %	Prairie	1,199	1,383	-13.3 %
Dawson	9,059	9,505	-4.7 %	Wibaux	1,068	1,191	-10.3 %
Stillwater	8,195	6,536	25.4 %	Golden Valley	1,042	912	14.3 %
Valley	7,675	8,239	-6.8 %	Treasure	861	874	-1.5 %
Powell	7,180	6,620	8.5 %	Petroleum	493	519	-5.0 %

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